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SIR:

**AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO JUNE 4, 1999 OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in reply to the June 4, 1999 Office Action which was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A reply to the June 4, 1999 Office Action was originally due on September 4, 1999. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from September 4, 1999 to December 4, 1999. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$435.00). Applicants have previously established small entity status. A check including this amount is enclosed herewith. Thus, a reply to the June 4, 1999 Office Action is now due December 4, 1999. Since December 4, 1999 falls on a Saturday, a response filed on Monday, December 6, 1999 is to be considered timely. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of claim 1 in a future continuation or divisional application. Please amend claims 3 and 4 and introduce new claim 21 as follows: